

## THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**Thursday, 7th February 1924.**

The House met at 11 o'clock, the hon. the President (Diwan Bahadur L. D. SWAMIKANNU PILLAI Avargal, c.i.e., i.s.o.) in the Chair.

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I wish to state for the information of the House that in view of the extraordinary number of questions which are being answered to-day I have had them arranged not only in the order of the main subjects dealt with but also in the order of the several Members of the Government who are answering them. Further, in order to enable each interpellator to concentrate attention on the questions in which he is specially interested, I have had a nominal index of interpellators distributed along with the answers. In future such an index will be regularly included in the Agenda paper whenever the question list is exceptionally heavy as it is to-day. I shall also ask the Secretary to make a sufficient pause after each question, as he is required to do by the President's order, to allow hon. Members a reasonable opportunity of rising in their places if they are desirous of asking supplementary questions."

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—

- (1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.
- (2) The questions and answers shall be arranged in order of subjects.

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

### Administration Report.

*Incorporation of chapter on Muhammadan employment in the Presidency Administration Report.*

177 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Finance and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have decided on the omission of the chapter on Muhammadan employment incorporated in the Presidency Administration Report in spite of the fact that it was inserted under the express orders of the Government of India?

A.—The paragraph in question is being expanded into one dealing with the general question of representation of the main communities in Government service.